

Briefly

Dance Saturday

The Mexican Honorary Commission will host its 23rd annual Joseph Gonzales Scholarship Dance on Saturday, March 5, at the AMVETS Hall, 1711 Kennedy Drive, Madison.

Music for dancing starts at 8:30 p.m. with "No Respect" featured. Tacos, tostadas, steak burritos, margaritas, beer and soda will be available.

The dance is held in memory of Gonzales, a counselor at Granite City High School killed in a 1971 auto crash. MHC 1993 grant recipients were Michael Davis, Celia Heck and Beth Rapoff; the MHC Ladies Auxiliary scholarship was awarded to Stacie Ahlers.

Grants are awarded for scholastic achievements, citizenship, school participation and character. Students may pick up application forms from GHS counselors.

Chairman Carmen Cook said tickets will be \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door. MHC and Auxiliary members donate their time and effort to enable all proceeds from the dance to go to scholarships.

Election letters

Letters related to the March 15 election must be received at the Press-Record office by 5 p.m. Monday, March 7, for publication by March 10. Candidates mentioned in letters may submit rebuttals by 5 p.m. Thursday, March 10, for possible publication March 13.

Venice banquet

At 6 p.m. Saturday, Concerned Citizens of Venice will sponsor an annual mayor's appreciation banquet at the Venice Recreation Center, 323 Broadway. Tickets will be \$15 per person.

For more information, persons may call Mayor Tyrone Echols' office at 877-2412. Tickets are available at the mayor's office or through the Rev. John H. Williams at 432-0019.

Vanetta Adams is chairman and Rev. Williams and Ruby Johnson co-chairmen.

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75 years ago

March 3, 1919
Two relatives of the famous Dalton Brothers, who terrorized the state of Kansas several years ago, arrived here and will remain in Madison County for 90 days, the length of the invitation they secured to be guests at the county jail.

Trivia

Where was the "Monte Carlo of America"?

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Lengyel resigns as police chief

Clash with aldermen cited

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Citing differences with several aldermen, Granite City Police Chief Jim Lengyel has tendered his resignation — again.

Lengyel's resignation, accepted regretfully but immediately by Mayor Ron Selph this week, will take effect Saturday.

By union contract, Lengyel will return to the rank of captain.

The action is the second time in his career that Lengyel has opted to return to the ranks from the position of chief.

In 1989, after serving as chief for less than a year, Lengyel asked then-Mayor Von Dee Cruse not to reappoint him to the position.

Selph said this week's resignation was unexpected. He said current Assistant Chief Dave Ruebhausen will serve as interim chief until a replacement is

named.

The new chief will probably come from within the department, Selph said.

He said he will probably announce his appointment at the March 16 City Council meeting.

Selph said that, during his 30-year friendship with Lengyel, he has been most impressed with

Lengyel's knowledge, abilities, honesty, dedication to the department and head-on approach to dealing with difficult issues.

"It was those very attributes which led me to ask him to serve the city in the very difficult position of chief."

Jim Lengyel

Text of letter of resignation

Following is the text of Police Chief Jim Lengyel's resignation letter to Mayor Ron Selph.

"Because I have enjoyed our working relationship and consider you a close friend, I regretfully ask that you accept this letter as notification that I am resigning as chief of police. I will be returning to my former rank of captain per the state statutes and union contract, effective March 5, 1994."

"I wish to thank all the members of the Police Department for their hard work and support during these trying times."

"Since his appointment last May, Jim has made great strides in returning the morale of the department and improving its management. However, his strong dedication to improving the department clashed with the city's current fiscal and

"My decision has been influenced by the frustration I have experienced in attempting to operate the department efficiently and effectively with an inadequate amount of officers, secretaries and support staff. As a former assistant chief of police, you well know these problems have persisted for many years and have repeatedly fallen on deaf ears. Unfortunately, with attitudes as they are, I can see no real improvements in the future."

"But of even greater concern to me is my present relationship with the aldermen. I have been vocal in my stand on

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political situations," Selph said. Lengyel's letter of resignation cites his concern about departmental staffing levels and his perception of aldermanic interference with the day-to-day operations. (See LENGUEL, Page 6A)

Laub offers budget proposal

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Granite City Township Assessor Darlene Laub has offered to drop her lawsuit against the Town Board in exchange for a \$25,000 increase in a proposed 1994-95 budget.

But some of the trustees exploded in an outrage Tuesday night when hearing of the offer in an open session of a Finance Committee meeting.

Trustee Dan Partney said to Finance Chairman Walter Milton, "If we can save this money, then let's save this money. If we can eliminate this lawsuit, let's do it. But there is no reason why one should be contingent upon the other," Partney said in angrily assailing the offer.

The committee went into a 10-minute closed session to discuss pending litigation immediately after Partney's comment.

No further discussion or action was taken when the committee returned to an open session. The meeting was recessed and will be reconvened sometime next week, Milton said.

During the closed session, Laub told a reporter that the proposed compromise was made in a spirit of cooperation.

"I just wanted to show that I am willing to work with the board. I need my people to get the work done," Laub said. Last year, she laid off seven of her nine full-time staff members due to a budget cutback ordered by the Town Board.

Milton said he sees Laub's offer as a possible way to save

taxpayers' money.

"I calculate it as a saving to the taxpayer. In my opinion, (the lawsuit) is a ridiculous cost and the taxpayers are the ones who will eventually have to pay for it," Milton said.

Alderman Judy Whitaker disagreed with Milton.

"If (Laub) was so interested in saving the taxpayers' money, she should have never filed the lawsuit in the first place."

"We treated her budget the same way we did every other budget in the city. We were the ones trying to save money and eliminate inefficiency."

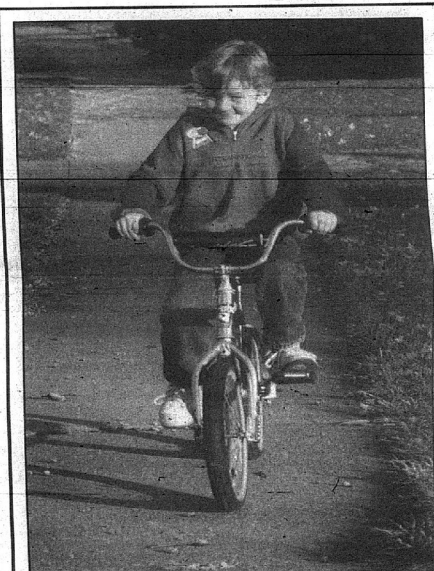
Laub had initially requested a 1994-95 budget of \$406,540 including \$204,983 for salaries — for the period beginning March 1 of this year and ending Feb. 18, 1995.

After meeting with Laub last month, the Finance Committee unanimously recommended that the figure be reduced to \$303,000, including a \$52,000 reduction in the salary figure.

The revised salary figure was reached by the committee based on the number of parcels of property in Granite City and appropriating \$12 per parcel for salaries.

The committee noted that employees' salaries in the Alton Township Assessor's office totaled about \$160,000 — or \$10.61 per parcel — last year.

Last year, the Town Board cut her proposed budget by 25 percent more than halfway through the fiscal year. Laub then filed the lawsuit that is currently pending.



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)
Afternoon ride — Six-year-old Brandon Humphreys enjoys riding his bike near his home in the first block of Bermuda Lane.

Pontoon sues over aquarium

Pontoon Beach is suing the promoter who took his planned aquarium to St. Louis County.

The village, in a lawsuit filed in Circuit Court Monday, seeks to recover \$38,000 it spent for a feasibility study for the aquarium. Defendants are Mid-America Aquacenter, promoter Leonard Sonnenschein and the estate of David Thebaud of St. Clair County.

"They're building it now in Chesterfield," Village Clerk Lou Whitsell said. "It was a surprise to us."

After failure to interest St. Louis city officials in a \$40 million aquarium project, Sonnenschein persuaded Pontoon Beach officials in 1989 to authorize issuance of industrial revenue bonds to help finance a proposed \$1.25 million aquarium.

Sonnenschein promoted the project as a major tourist attraction that would directly employ about 65 people and potentially spin off another 1,000 jobs for the area.

Sonnenschein opened an office and small aquarium, but the envisioned larger project never materialized.

The promoter, according to the lawsuit, agreed that if the proposed aquarium were not located in Pontoon Beach, the money put up by the village would be returned.

Whitsell said the project "was looking real good" before the death of Thebaud, a major financial backer. After that, Sonnenschein closed his facility in Pontoon Beach, Whitsell said.

Sheriff leads candidates' battle for money

Former Madison County Treasurer Mick Henkhaus appears to be closing the fund-raising gap in his bid to reclaim the office.

Henkhaus, who held the treasurer's job for 12 years before he was defeated by Republican John Shimkus in the 1990 general election, raised \$17,900 in the first six weeks of 1994, according to records filed with the County Clerk's Office.

Henkhaus started 1994 with \$98 in his campaign fund but sold more than 600 \$20 tickets to a fund-raiser in early February to raise \$12,260, records showed.

Henkhaus' main competition in the March 15 Democratic

primary, County Board Member Alan Dunstan, raised \$21,600 in the same period, including \$11,500 in loans that Dunstan made to his own campaign and a \$1,000 contribution from the Lakin law firm of Wood River.

Dunstan, who has the backing of the Madison County Democratic Party, started the year with \$1.99.

Henkhaus would come out on top of the fund-raising battle if Dunstan's loans to his own campaign were not included in the totals.

The third Democrat in the treasurer's race, Jim Foley of Granite City, raised \$3,500, including a \$1,000 loan from

Foley to his own campaign and a \$500 contribution from the St. Louis law firm of Reinert, Duree and Cron.

Candidates for county office filed their last campaign finance disclosures due before the March 15 primary with the County Clerk's Office on Monday, as required by state law.

The disclosures cover campaign funds raised and spent between Jan. 1 and Feb. 13.

Candidates will not be required to file disclosure forms again until late July.

Shimkus, who is unopposed in the Republican primary for treasurer, had not filed his

(See MONEY, Page 9A)

Gubernatorial forum here next week

Granite City will host a "Forum on Education" next week that hopes to feature Illinois Democratic gubernatorial candidates answering questions regarding the future of Illinois education.

"Each of the Democratic candidates for Governor has put forth a plan to educate Illinois children," said Harry Briggs, Madison County regional superintendent of schools. "Well, how will their plan stack up in a public forum led by professional educators?"

The forum will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Granite City High School Auditorium. It is sponsored by the Illinois Education Association, the Illinois Federation of Teachers and the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools.

"We hope we can pick the place," Briggs said.

"The focus will be on education, which we consider an important issue, not just for educators, but

for every citizen."

Briggs said Roland Burris, Richard Phelan and Dawn Clark Latsch — the top candidates in recent polls — were each asked to participate. He said Latsch has confirmed that she will attend and Burris has said he will send a representative. He said Phelan is still considering the invitation.

Each candidate will be given 30 minutes to explain his or her proposals for education and respond to questions from a panel of professional educators. Following candidate presentations and questions, the educators will lead a focus group discussion of the candidates' positions.

"We want this to be as nonconfrontational as possible," Briggs said. "Our goal is to allow everyone who attends to receive the information needed to make a rational judgment concerning who would make the best Democratic nominee for governor."



Don Knight Debbie Saltich Jim Foley

Candidates profiled

Win or lose, three Granite City residents will be in the spotlight March 15 when voters select their party nominees for Madison County offices.

The three — former Granite City Police Chief Don Knight, Congressional aide Debbie Saltich and retired banker Jim Foley — are among the seven Democratic candidates for three contested countywide offices on the Madison County ballot.

Today, the Press-Record presents profiles of the candidates for county office in the primary election.

Knight is challenging Sheriff Bob Churchich for the Democratic nomination. Saltich is fighting Stephanie Robbins for the county clerk nomination; and retired banker Jim Foley is battling Michael Henkhaus and Alan Dunstan for the chance to challenge county Treasurer John Shimkus in the November election.

Also on the ballot will be contests for two local seats on the Madison County Board. In District 22, Gary Miller and Tom Skubish are trying to unseat veteran board member Herbert "Junior" Milton. In District 25, Ronald Gallas is challenging incumbent Donald Rea.

See Page 5A for profiles of the candidates in those five races.

Man found guilty in 1990 stabbing, shooting death

By Bonita Tillman
Staff writer

David Clark, 31, of Granite City was found guilty Wednesday in the 1990 shooting and stabbing death of 32-year-old Ricky Muckenstrum, also of Granite City.

A jury in St. Clair County found Clark guilty of first-degree murder in Muckenstrum's death. A second man, John Ashburn of Pontoon Beach, is awaiting trial on the same charge.

Two area men had testified earlier Wednesday that Clark bragged about killing a man less than two weeks after murder.

Muckenstrum's body was found in a vacant lot between Brooklyn and Venice Aves. in 1990. He had been stabbed numerous times and shot.

In testimony Wednesday, Michael Redman of Madison said he was changing tires for Clark at Golden Auto Sales in

July 1990 when Clark and another man began bragging about "someone being killed."

Redman said he overheard that "one guy shot the guy and the other guy did the cutting."

"I put my gun on my office desk and asked them to leave the building," Redman said.

Although he could not identify Clark by face, Redman said one of the men had numerous tattoos on his arms and a huge single tattoo across his back.

Assistant State's Attorney Dennis Hatch wanted to have Clark come to his home to show the tattoos, but Clark conceded he had similar tattoos.

Paul Davis, who lived in Granite City in 1990, said Clark bragged during a party in April or May of 1991 about "how he got away with a murder."

"He said the dispute was over \$37 and he said the guy was cut with a knife and shot with a .35

or a .32 (caliber weapon)," Davis said.

Clark then allegedly told Davis that the man was picked up at a bar, taken out to a field "around some strip place" and left there after he was killed.

Robin Blaha of the Illinois State Police said Clark denied any knowledge of Muckenstrum's death when interviewed.

Clark admitted barhopping with Ashburn day and night of the week Muckenstrum was killed, Blaha said. But Clark said he awoke July 11 in Ashburn's truck on a lot across from Six Flags in Eureka, Mo., and had no recollection of how he got there, Blaha testified.

Sentencing for Clark was set for April 21. He was returned to the state correctional facility in Pontiac, where he is already serving a five-year prison term for burglary and possession of contraband in a penal institution.

SEC/Germania trial gets under way

ST. LOUIS—A federal judge is hearing testimony this week from GermaniaBank customers who lost their savings in uninsured capital notes.

A lawyer for the federal Securities and Exchange Commission called a note holder as the first witness Monday in a lawsuit against former Germania Chairman Joseph Mason.

Mason, 51, of Naples, Fla., allegedly withheld information about Germania's poor financial condition from customers who bought subordinated capital notes, the SEC alleged in the lawsuit filed Dec. 10, 1991.

U.S. District Judge Carol Jackson is hearing the lawsuit against Mason and two other defendants, Robert Freshour, of Lebanon, and Douglas DeShong, of Brighton, without a jury.

Freshour and DeShong were former representatives of the Germania securities department. Germania began selling more than \$10 million in notes to 800 customers in fall of 1987 to pump money into the ailing bank.

DeShong and Freshour failed to tell investors that the notes were not federally insured, SEC lawyer Michael J. Riordan said in his opening statement. Riordan asked Jackson to permanently enjoin the three defendants from violating securities laws.

"Mr. Mason did not violate any securities laws, and we don't want an injunction against him," said his lawyer, Burton Shostak. An injunction could hurt Mason in the future if he decided to get a license to sell securities, Shostak said.

Riordan said that the capital notes, commonly called "schnotes," were only "high-risk junk bonds."

June Hand of Belleville testified she invested more than \$9,000 in schnotes Feb. 5, 1988, after consulting with Freshour.

"They gave me the impression there was no risk," the 67-year-old Hand said. But on cross-examination by defense attorney Joseph Trad, Hand said there was no evidence that Freshour tried to defraud her.

In his opening statement, Trad blasted the SEC's allegations against Freshour and DeShong. The two defendants were not involved in the preparation of the "Top Gun" marketing campaign to sell the schnotes, Trad said.

"They did not receive a commission for sale of the schnotes," Freshour and DeShong sold schnotes only when other Germania financial counselors were busy with customers, Trad said.

—From the Alton Telegraph

News in review

"News in review" provides a summary of top stories from the area. The column is designed to assist out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday newspapers.

Becker heads Steelworkers

A 65-year-old Granite City man has become the highest-ranking steelworker in North America. George F. Becker was sworn in Tuesday at Pittsburgh as the sixth international president of the United Steelworkers of America. Born in Madison in 1928, Becker grew up across the street from Granite City Steel, where he went to work with a labor gang at the mill in the summer of 1944.

Pool opening scheduled June 30

Bad weather has hampered construction of the new swimming pool at Wilson Park, but residents are unlikely to face a third summer without a pool. "We just got a revised schedule from contractor Harvey Wolf (of L. Wolf Construction of Granite City)," said Dave Polivick, director of parks and recreation for the Granite City District. "Originally, the pool was scheduled to open June 15, but now the date has been moved to June 30."

Crash kills girl, injures two

A 17-year-old Granite City High School girl and two area teenagers were seriously injured Friday night on the Missouri side of the Chain of Rocks Bridge.

Robin Lynn Graham, a senior student, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident, which occurred on a two-lane road of Interstate 270 near the Riverview Boulevard exit.

Rebecca Sansoucie, 18, a GCHS graduate, was taken to Christian Hospital Northeast, St. Louis County. Greg Argent, 18, a Pontoon Beach resident and graduate of Metro East Lutheran High School in Edwardsville, was admitted to Barnes Hospital, St. Louis.

Madison delays trash bill penalties

City trash bills for Madison were due Tuesday, but residents who missed the due date will go penalty-free until the end of the month. The city's first-ever trash bills—\$86 for September through December 1993—were sent out Feb. 12 to 200 households. As of Monday, about 800 bills had been paid. Because the billing was so late, the city will not assess late penalties in March for the initial billing.

Store holdup being investigated

Police are close to solving an armed robbery of a downtown gasoline station and convenience store at 4:15 p.m. Thursday. More than \$400 was taken from a cash register by a young man armed with a handgun at the Amoco Food Shop, 1965 Madison Ave. The robber wore no mask and made no attempt to hide his identity.

Standoff ends with man's arrest

Granite City police officers responded early Thursday to a disturbance that evolved into a three-hour standoff between officers with their guns drawn and a 26-year-old man armed with a knife who threatened to kill himself, his family and police officers.

Smaller council debated by 100

Should the 15-person City Council of Granite City be reduced to seven aldermen? About 100 residents turned out Feb. 23 at a public hearing at City Hall to express their opinions on the aldermanic reduction issue, and opinion was divided on whether there should be fewer aldermen. Some called for a reduction now. Others said they were for a smaller council in the future, but that the issue should be decided later along with other proposed governmental revisions.

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Festival tickets selling fast

By Scott Wuerz
Staff writer

Although tickets for Olympic Festival events at Southern Illinois University at

Edwardsville have been on sale for only a month, nearly 35 percent of available seats for track and field events and wrestling matches have already been sold.

Tickets went on sale at the Festival's kickoff party Feb. 6th at the St. Louis Galleria.

Olympic Committee spokeswoman Cheryl Patrick said that tickets have sold faster than planners had hoped.

"Track and field is an event which is very popular and usually draws very well," Patrick said. "But we're especially pleased with how many tickets we've sold at this early date."

In addition to the popularity of track and field itself, she thinks people are especially interested in the event because of the possibility of local track star Jackie Joyner-Kersey might participate in the Festival.

The brick ticket sales do not mean those who want tickets will be unable to get them, Patrick said. It does mean, however, that they should not wait until the last minute to buy.

"Approximately 8,000 tickets are available for the track and field events, including 3,000 general admission temporary seats," Patrick said. "There are plenty of tickets left at this point, but if the (current level of sales) continues, the events will be sold out well before July 1."

SIU's Olympic Festival Coordinator Harry Lang said he is optimistic about the local enthusiasm about the local events.

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Libel suit settlement reported

A former Granite City police commissioner will reportedly receive a quarter of a million dollars in an out-of-court settlement of her libel lawsuit against the Belleville News-Democrat.

Linda Irwin, a former commissioner, filed the libel suit in St. Clair County Circuit Court against the newspaper and reporter Jane Matthews.

The suit was based on a Matthews-written story regarding a police disciplinary hearing more than three years ago. The story included references to a reported "poison pen" letter.

Courthouse sources and those familiar with the lawsuit said it was settled out-of-court Wednesday.

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Jobs workers may lose theirs

State workers who help find jobs for the unemployed may soon find themselves out of work.

Gov. Jim Edgar's fiscal 1995 budget plan unveiled this week proposes cutting 408 positions in the Illinois Department of Employment Security and another 155 in the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities. Cuts would affect both full- and part-time workers.

The departments would be the only two agencies to lose staff in the budget year starting July 1.

In the area, employment offices in Alton, East St. Louis and Belleville could lose workers, Edgar said. Cuts can be made without affecting services.

"No decisions have been made on closing offices or anything like that," Edgar said. "But the process is under way to determine how (offices) can absorb the cuts that are coming because we have fewer federal dollars, less unemployment and the economy is getting better."

Edgar said federal cuts, most notably phasing out the Emergency Unemployment Compensation program that assists long-term unemployed people, led to the proposed eliminations, which represent a \$12 million savings.

Employment Director Lynn Doherty said recent growth in employment means a likely decline in demand for department services.

The mental health department stands to lose 155 jobs, despite a proposed \$83 million increase for next fiscal year. None of the cuts is at the Alton Mental Health and Developmental Center.

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Madison ball field to be upgraded

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

Madison has promised to work out whatever it needs to in order for the Madison Khoury League to receive a grant from the United Way.

On Tuesday, the City Council was presented with a letter sent to the league from the United Way approving a \$1,500 grant to the Khoury League for improvements to the 12th Street ball diamond.

But the letter expressed the United Way's concern that the improvements were to be made to city-owned property.

"We therefore request that the Khoury League secure a written agreement from the city of Madison to use these ball fields as needed by the Khoury League before these funds are released to you," the letter says.

"A check will be released once the Khoury League is guaranteed priority use of the 12th Street ball diamond."

The council voted unanimously to refer the request to the city Recreation Department and to authorize Mayor John Bellico to contact the United Way.

In other business, the council voted to concur with the Zoning Board of Appeals and allow the Italian-American Club to build an addition to its facility at 1400 Iowa St.

The aldermen voted to table a request from the Salvation Army for a roadblock fund-raiser until new Illinois Department of Transportation guidelines are clarified.

IDOT has said traffic signals should not be set on flashing red for charity roadblocks.

Alderman Mike Vrabec said gun balls from the gum trees growing along the street continue to be a major problem in his neighborhood. He asked if the city's street sweeper was operating.

Alderman Ron Grzywacz, chairman of the city's Street Committee, said the sweeper was operating, but said the gum ball problem existed in the entire city and that all the streets were being swept from north to south, west to east.

He said Vrabec's neighborhood

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—United Way

should be reached by the end of the week.

Bellico said city workers had also been using a leaf vacuum to pick up the gum balls, but it wouldn't work on rain-soaked gum balls.

Alderman Richard George asked if the city street department was still cutting down the trees on request.

Bellico said the department is still accepting the requests and placing them on a waiting list, but that the street department "just doesn't have the manpower" to meet the requests.

A request from Police Chief Paul Bargiel requesting payment for vacation and sick time accrued prior to his appointment as chief was referred to the finance committee.

A request from Bargiel to purchase a \$7,135 computer for the police department from Better Business World using a grant from the Madison County Housing Authority was unanimously approved.

The aldermen voted unanimously to pay the requested eight-cent per capita annual fee, a total of \$370, to remain a member of the Southwestern Illinois Metropolitan and Regional Planning Commission.

"For the information they provide us, \$370 is awful cheap," Bellico said.

Health and Humane Inspector Grover Brannan reported that during the past two weeks he had answered 41 calls, 36 health and 49 humane. He said Madison County Rabies Control was stepping up its efforts to track down and catch dogs running loose in the county.

2 arrested in robbery

Two Alton youths have been arrested in connection with the armed robbery of a downtown gasoline station and convenience store in the middle of the day last week.

Assistant Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen said the youths, one 14 years old and one 16, have been charged with armed robbery in juvenile petitions filed this week. They are both in custody at the Madison County detention home, Ruebhausen said.

He said the boys were runaways from Alton. They used a truck and a gun belonging to the father of one of the boys to commit the crime, Ruebhausen said.

The father later turned the boys in to authorities, Ruebhausen said.

More than \$400 was taken from a cash register by a young man armed with a handgun at the Amco Food Shop, 1665 Madison Ave., at about 3:15 p.m. last Thursday, according to a police report.

Although the robbery took place in daylight, the robber wore no mask and made no attempt to hide his identity, Ruebhausen said. One shot was fired by one of the suspects as he fled the store but nobody was injured, Ruebhausen said.

He said the discharge of the gun is believed to have been accidental, although the youth who allegedly fired the shot refused to talk to police.



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Coolidge's champs — Eighth grader Sarah Fielding, at left, receives her 1993 spelling bee trophy from Coolidge Principal Jim Jeffries.



(Staff photos by PAM DOEPKE-HURD) Jeffries. At right, eighth grader Andrea Davis receives her trophy from Jeffries for winning the school's spelling bee this year.

'Non-writer' finds hero in convenience store

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

The news came over the radio: "Four more convenience-store clerks killed in recent robberies."

Bill Gaines cringed.

"It seemed like the clerks were being treated like they were just another throw-away item," he said.

"It was like it's said they were killed, but they aren't being treated like they were real people with families and lives. They were only convenience-store clerks."

Gaines, a 37-year-old Granite City native now living in O'Fallon, is a full-time student at Belleville Area College, where he is enrolled in the electronics program.

He has sort of "bounced around" since

graduating from high school and, as a result, has developed a lot of empathy with the people commonly referred to as "the working poor."

So, for his college English class, Gaines decided to find out and record the life story of a convenience-store clerk.

"I'm not a writer — although my English teacher seems to think I am. I'm studying electronics and that's what I plan to do," Gaines said.

Returning to his home turf in Granite City, Gaines spent several days with Tony Mains, a clerk who works at a small store near Kirkpatrick Homes.

Gaines discovered a man (Mains) who takes care of an elderly mother, who is a hero to local kids, who lost the love of his

life and who shares the happiness, sadness, hopes and fears common to all human beings.

After the story was turned in for class — the teacher suggested Gaines give the story to the newspaper. Although it was with obvious reluctance, Gaines followed her suggestion.

"By writing Tony's story, I hoped to put a human face on the clerks that work at these small stores," Gaines said. "I wanted people to know that these are real people."

"I know it sounds kind of silly, but maybe if a robber realized the clerk was a real person, the robber would think about what he was doing and not pull the trigger."

"It's a human life, not just some clerk who can be replaced by the next shift."

The story of one man's life

By Bill Gaines
Correspondent

Tony Mains of Granite City is a 30-year-old man, about 5 feet 10 inches tall and 140 pounds, with brown eyes, dark hair and lots of energy. The interview began with Mains saying that one of his hobbies is his computer.

"It's made from a few old computers, hunks of junk converted into a 386 that doesn't always work," Mains said.

"If you overlook her flaws and be gentle when you are sweet-talking her, she will work just fine. With a computer, a phone and the desire to reach out, you can become part of the amazing world of computers. It's not hard."

Mains is a cashier at a convenience mart, and he enjoys working the 8 to 11 p.m. shift. His favorite customers are the

young teenagers. "They're the highlight of my day," he said. Mains can talk Nintendo with the best of them, giving insight to different levels as well as learning from those who are better.

"I don't know why I'm so well liked," Mains said. "They all know him, and he knows most of them by name."

When the teenagers come into the store, the noise is deafening. I would call them children, but I'm not sure that they are all human, and I was afraid to ask.

"It is always like this," Mains said. It truly is a sight. All the wild colors, the ragged clothes, the strange hair colors and arrangements.

Almost all the young adults joke with him in one way or another. And I believe that all of them tried to talk him into

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Change prevents service cuts

A number of letter writers recently have stressed the need for senior citizen services in Granite City, saying they should not be eliminated.

We completely agree. When the Melville study, and subsequently the *Press-Record/Journal*, said township government should be eliminated, neither the study nor the newspaper said nor implied that services — including those for senior citizens — currently offered by the township should be discontinued.

What the study and the newspaper did — and do — say is that those services could be provided more efficiently without the extra layer of government added by the township. The example given in the previous editorial was the township's expenditure of more than \$133,000 for administrative costs to give people out \$72,246 in general assistance. The argument is not that the people receiving the \$72,246 did not need it but that, given \$208,000 to provide general assistance, it would seem that a much larger percentage should have gone to those in need and a much smaller percentage to those handing out assistance.

The Melville study found that "all township services ... could be provided more cost-effectively by other organizations" and said "the township government, with its duplicative services and burdensome budget, is an expensive albatross."

Financial troubles are causing all area municipalities, school districts and other taxing bodies to either raise taxes or reduce the cost of services.

Raising taxes tends to drive business and residents from the city. That, in turn, lowers the tax base, causing revenue to fall, and again forcing the taxing body to either raise taxes or reduce services.

Reducing the scope of services also tends to drive business and residents away, again resulting in a still lower tax base, and so on.

A preferable alternative is to reduce the administrative costs of a service by increasing its efficiency. Ideally, this could be done while maintaining, or even increasing, the level of service provided.

It is that ideal — the same or better service for less money — that the Melville study, and *Press-Record/Journal*, want the city to attempt to reach.

Senior citizens in Granite City currently enjoy excellent recreation, transportation and other services which they deserve. In order to assure that those services will be provided in the future, however, the city needs to rethink the way it does business.

If township government is a financial albatross, it should be eliminated. Otherwise, it will drag the city down toward financial doom and — when it does — it will take senior citizen services with it.

Radiant joy, tears, bravery at 1994's Winter Olympics

Carol Clarkin writes this weekly Edwardsville Journal column.

Last week, with the Winter Games still in progress in Lillehammer, two of Johnny Hart's cavenmen in the comic strip "B.C." were studying a large (presumably stone) Olympiad sign.

"Why the five rings?" one caveman asked, and his buddy answered that they were symbolic of what the Olympics have become.

"What do they stand for?" the first guy asked. "Terrorism, politics, hooliganism, media-meddling and greed," was the answer.

Not too far off the mark, it seems to me during this year's Games and the "Game" hoopla centering around the Harding-Kerri competition. With special emphasis on hooliganism, greed and, above all, media-meddling.

When this coming press print, those Gaines will be over. But owing to deadlines, as I write they're still in progress, with days to go, and no medals awarded yet in the women's figure skating competition.

Thus, writing in advance, I'd like to be up front about it and note that, personally, I don't care if either of them wins a medal. I'm just up-to-date sick of the media hype on the ice-dueling Nancy and Tonya. The day of their first competition, the technical program, one bald-headed sociologist compared their rivalry on ice to a Greek tragedy. Puhlease!

We're not talking Electra or Jocasta or Clytemnestra! We're dealing with something straight out of an American soap opera.

From start to finish, too, the media's focus made it appear that one or the other was bound to be a gold medalist, both had begun raking in big money, a rumored \$600,000 for interviews with TV's "Inside Edition" — Nancy, a contract with Disney for an undisclosed amount which reportedly ranges somewhere between \$500,000 and \$10 million. Talk about motivation!

What's truly sad is that, if one failed to watch many of the preceding competitions, so much that was memorable was missed.

The fantastic opening ceremonies, like something out of a child's fairy tale, with Norwegian folk dress, music, dances and reindeer-pulled sleds.

The casual informality of King Harald, in ski jacket, and Queen Sonja in more ornate folk costume, as well as the fact that when they arrived by sleigh, no security appeared to have been necessary.

The warmly hospitable residents of Lillehammer, all bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, brimming with health, who appeared to be enjoying the whole affair as much as any of their guests.

The competitors — winners and losers alike.

The last Japanese team member whose disappointing performance the men's team slalom cost his team a medal, crouched alone and apparently in tears at the end of the run.

The radiant joy on the face of the Swedish girl slalom racer when she realized her team had won a golden one, and the excitement on the face of her far-clad group watching that race.

The amazed look of Norwegian speed skater Johann Olav Koes when he learned he had not only won a gold medal, but had skated faster than any man had skated before him in his event.

American gold medalist speed skater Dan Jansen, circling the rink holding his baby daughter following his winning race.

And, of course, Championship's own Bonnie Blair closing out her skating career as the "winningest female Olympian" in American history, as well as women's speed skating's first "triple-double" — winning three successive Olympic 500-meter races and two 1,000-meter competitions.

And yet the night of the day of Bonnie's marvelous performance, practically no mention of her name was heard among the fairly large group of people with whom I spent the evening. They were too engrossed with Nancy's first place in the technicals — and bad-mouthing Harding.

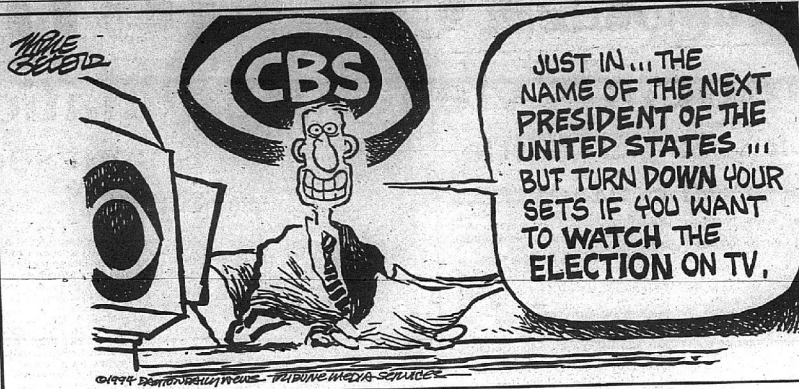
But most impressive to me were a team of losers — foregone losers, at that.

The Bosnian bobsled team, who knew before they came to the Games that they didn't have a prayer for a medal.

One of their members had lost too much weight to even be allowed to compete — food has been pretty scarce in Sarajevo.

They trained at dire risk on the hills surrounding the city. They barely made it out of the country and had no idea how — or if — they'd make it back in.

These men are what the Olympics are all about. Or should be.



Slanted TV 'news' series during ratings month

(By Thomas W. Sturges, Bi-State Transportation deputy general manager for marketing, planning and research)

Channel 5's recent Mike Owens' "expose" of "The Transit Mess" is a litany of half-truths and innuendos in its depiction of mass transit and Bi-State.

It was done not in the spirit of reporting the news, but in making the news for selfish reasons. February is ratings month for TV. The higher the rating, the more profit the station makes on advertising sales in subsequent months.

Competition for the advertising dollar is fierce, and the stations have learned that the more sensationalistic, outrageous and shocking the story, the more viewers will watch.

Owens did his so-called investigation in November but it wasn't aired until the rating month of February.

Unfortunately, and perhaps not coincidentally, it also aired at the time legislation for public transit funding — critical to the survival of Bi-State and other transit agencies — was being considered in Jefferson City.

The three-day Owens series was too lengthy to address properly in a short letter, but some subjects deserve comment.

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Election '94

Democrats vie for nominations in 3 races

Robbins, Saltich battle to succeed Bowles

Voters will decide next month whether to continue a 32-year dynasty or inject new blood into the Madison County Clerk's Office.

County clerk candidates Stephanie Robbins and Debbie Saltich are gearing up for the March 15 Democratic primary, which pits Robbins' experience as an aide to retiring County Clerk Evelyn Bowles against Saltich's years of government work in the district office of U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello.

"I think this race is one of qualifications," said Robbins, a 39-year-old attorney and former Edwardsville alderman. "Robbins, who has Bowles' support in the race, has worked for the last 10 years and also represented the office during a three-year stint as an assistant state's attorney."

"It's a highly complicated operation and I know I am as familiar with it as anyone could be, except, of course, for Evelyn," Robbins said. "Evelyn makes it look easy, running all the permutations and ballot computations that go into it, it's amazing anyone could pull it off so gracefully. I've learned a lot from (Bowles)."

If Robbins wins next month, she would follow in the footsteps of Bowles, who was first elected in 1974 after Bowles' mentor,

Eulalia Hotz, stepped down and recommended Bowles to succeed her.

Hotz was clerk for 32 years, followed by Bowles, who will finish her 20th year in office in December. Bowles is running unopposed for the seat being vacated by state Sen. Sam Vadala of Edwardsville.

Hotz supported Bowles for the post against the Madison County Democratic Party's chosen candidate in the 1974 race, just as Bowles is now supporting Robbins against the party favorite.

Saltich, a 38-year-old Granite City precinct committee woman, won the endorsement of the party organization in December.

"It's been a very quiet campaign so far," said Saltich, who took a two-month leave of absence from the Costello camp to run for the clerk's office.

"I've been doing a lot of door-to-door campaigning. Naturally, I hope to be very strong in the Granite City area but I also want to pick up support all over the county."

Robbins said she has filed for the Republican primary. Earlier this month, Robbins

blasted a proposal from Auditor Fred Bath to transfer county payroll duties from the clerk's office to his own.

Robbins said the auditor should serve as a check and balance on the clerk's office by scrutinizing the payroll after the



Debbie Saltich



Stephanie Robbins

checks have been cut, as is currently done. Saltich has yet to take a position on the proposal.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Knight seeks to oust Churchich

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

Madison County Sheriff Bob Churchich is being challenged by former Granite City Police Chief Don Knight in the Democratic primary election on March 15.

Jack Vahle of Godfrey is running unopposed in the Republican Primary.

Churchich, 65, of Alton, was first elected sheriff in 1986 with the endorsement of retiring Sheriff Emil Toffant. Previously he served 27 years as a police officer, including five years as chief of police in Hartford, the position he held just prior to election as sheriff.

Churchich is a graduate of the Illinois State Police Academy in Springfield and the University of Illinois Police Training Institute. He is a former member of the Madison County Board.

In the next four years, Churchich said his top priority will be to assist the county in its effort to increase the size and capacity of the county jail.

"Since I became sheriff, the population of the jail has doubled," Churchich said. "I expect it probably will double again in the future as better law enforcement means more arrests and more people put in jail."

Churchich said he will continue the SWAP (Sheriff's Work Alternative Program) program that provides prisoners to do work in local communities.

"Instead of letting these guys just sit in jail and do nothing, they are out doing service work



Bob Churchich

in the community," Churchich said.

He said he will also continue increased enforcement of drunken driving laws. He said that during the past four years, he has increased patrols in the rural areas of the county and eliminated a lot of "desk deputies" and put them out working in the community.

"Basically, I want the department to keep up with the times, to stay on top of the law enforcement situation, and to carry on into 21st Century," Churchich said.

Churchich said the thing he is most proud of in the past four years is the department's high solution rate for homicides.

"Our solution percentage for



Don Knight

homicide is about three times the national average," Churchich said. "Our officers in the detective division and our involvement with the (St. Louis/Metro East) Major Case Squad have worked together to build this very good record."

"We are into the Major Case Squad with both feet. We have detectives who are members and our department works well with the squad."

Knight served 23 years as a police officer in Granite City, retiring in 1991 as chief of police, a position he held for four years. During his time with the department, Knight served 16 years as a detective.

He earned an associate of science degree in administration

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3 seeking treasurer nomination; winner will face Shimkus in fall

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

A former Madison County treasurer, a retired banker and a member of the County Board's finance committee will face each other in the March primary, all seeking the Democratic nomination for Madison County treasurer.

Vying for the job are Michael "Mike" Henkhaus, a former long-time county treasurer; Jim Foley of Granite City, a retired banker; and Alan Dunstan of Troy, who has represented District 2 on the Madison County Board for almost 14 years.

All three candidates pledge to be full-time treasurers. The winner of the March 15 primary will face Republican incumbent John Shimkus in the November general election.

Henkhaus, 51, was the county treasurer from 1978 until 1990, when he was upset by Shimkus.

He was a deputy circuit clerk and a court administrator for 14 years before that. He is currently the director of and court liaison for the traffic safety program at Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey. The program involves a four-hour defensive driving course available to drivers to have minor traffic offenses removed from their records.

"I just want my old job back," Henkhaus said. "I had it for 12 years and worked very hard at it."

"Take a look at my record," Henkhaus said that record shows a variety of accomplishments, including a reduction of the treasurer's office staff from 31 to 20.

Formerly, a system to pool all county funds to draw the most interest; more taxes on mobile homes than ever before; and tax distributions within three days of receiving the money.

"That allowed a lot of the taxing bodies to pay their bills and invest their money," Henkhaus said. "I could have distributed money every day but that wouldn't have been cost effective."

If elected, Henkhaus said that he would reinstate his program allowing taxes to be paid by credit card, make sure that all county funds were invested in Madison County, and maintain a good working relationship with taxing bodies.

"I want to provide good service to the taxpayers," Henkhaus said. "Giving them good service and trying to save them money are my key issues."

Foley, 54, is a first-time candidate for public office, though he has worked behind the scenes in several campaigns for other Democrats, he said. Foley, who has 27 years of banking experience, is retired from the First National Bank in Madison.

He is an accounting instructor at



Michael Henkhaus

Belleville Area College. "I feel I am the only qualified candidate at this time," Foley said. "My experience is investments where my expertise is public finance. My advice has been to bail out several area school districts and saved them several thousands of dollars."

Foley said the treasurer is "the banker for the county" and said his primary concern would be the county's multi-million dollar investment portfolio.

"That is money that has to be



Jim Foley

managed aggressively," Foley said. "The investment portfolio has to be reviewed constantly and changes made regularly. Part of the problem with the portfolio now is that the treasurer went long on a number of investments. You don't deal long-term when interest rates are rising."

If elected, Foley said he would also make any changes in administrative personnel that were necessary, advocate faster distribution of tax receipts and



Alan Dunstan

do away with Shimkus' 2-year-old but little used plan that allows taxpayers to pay their annual bills in monthly installments.

"That puts the taxing bodies in a bad position because they know roughly what they're going to get," Foley said. "If the payment schedule changes, so do those amounts."

Dunstan, 36, has been a Madison County board member since 1980, the Jarvis Township

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Five seeking two contested County Board nominations

Two seek District 25 seat

Ronald G. Gallas, 43, currently a Cold Strip foreman at Granite City Steel, is challenging incumbent Donald C. Rea for the Democratic nomination for the District 25 county board seat.

No Republican candidate has filed for the office, which represents Namook Precincts 1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 12, and Granite City Precinct 3.

Rea, 64, of the 4200 block of Marigold Drive, has served on the county board for 12 years, having first been elected to the position in 1982. He is chairman of the Sewer and Highways committees and a member of the Finance Committee.

A Pontoon Beach resident since 1986, Rea has also served in the past as a village trustee, having been elected to that post in 1973. He recently retired from Granite City Steel.

"He cited his experience as his best qualification."

"I have demonstrated I am a good county board member. With my experience, I am also very effective—much more effective than any newcomer could be," Rea said.

Rea is married and the father of three. He has studied business administration at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Rea is also a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, having served three years. He was a charter member of the Pontoon

Beach Lions Club. He was active in the Granite City Steel Management Club, Little League and Boy Scouts.

He is a past member of United Steelworkers of America Local 67.

Gallas, of Victoria Drive, is married and the father of two children. A lifetime area resident, the Granite City High School graduate has attended several study courses at SIUE.

Gallas served four years in the U.S. Coast Guard before being honorably discharged. He has also been employed in the past as an emergency medical technician for Mercer Mortuary and two years as a county deputy sheriff.

While Gallas said he had "no problem" with the job Rea has done over the last 12 years, he also said he offers a "fresh approach."

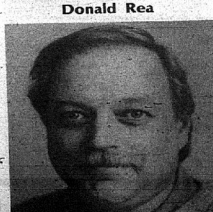
"I can offer fresh ideas and a different perspective on the problems facing the county. I think it's time for something that is not the status quo. It's time for a different outlook," Gallas said.

He said the biggest issue facing county residents is an important issue nationwide: law enforcement.

"The public shouldn't have to live in fear. The time is right, I believe, with the passage of the Crime Bill, to make some changes," Gallas said.



Donald Rea



Ronald Gallas

3-way race in District 22

By Bob State
Staff writer

Two Granite City employees are seeking to unseat incumbent Herbert "Junior" Milton in Madison County Board District 22, which includes Venice Township Precincts 7, 8 and 9 and Granite City Township Precincts 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 12.

Gary L. Miller, 52, of the 2200 block of Illinois Avenue and an operator of a man at the Granite City Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant, and Thomas J. Skubish, 64, of the 2000 block of Edwards Street and a worker in the Granite City Sanitation Department, are both seeking the Democratic nomination for the County Board seat currently held by Milton, 63, of the 2200 block of Washington Avenue.

There is no Republican candidate.

Milton has served on the board since 1972. He has served as its vice chairman as well as heading the Governmental Negotiating Committee. He is currently chairman of the Buildings Committee responsible for the \$17 million County Administration Building which opened last year.

Milton, a widower and the father of five, was a longtime employee of Granite City Steel and has resided in the district for 46 years.

Through board and committee participation, Milton has been active in providing more county office space, creating courtyards, modernizing the county nursing home, upgrading county roads, expanding law enforcement, encouraging development of homes and recreation areas, planning and establishing the County Jail, and increasing the scope of services to senior citizens.

Milton served a stint as chairman of the Illinois Association of County Board Members, having been elected to that post at the annual county officials' convention.

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Herbert "Junior" Milton



Gary Miller



Thomas Skubish

•Story

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selling beer or cigarettes to them.

Mains said, "They're just trying to be cool. They haven't a clue about the harm that alcoholism causes or about the harm that they can do to themselves."

After watching Mains deal with the young adults, it wasn't hard to see why he was so admired. He wasn't 30; he was a teenager at heart and one of them.

Mains said that he doesn't spend much time worrying about being robbed and that he works

in a good neighborhood with good people.

But he does state that, from time to time, a person comes into the store who makes him nervous.

Mains said that the people who rob places just make him think about his life, that no matter how bad he thinks it is from time to time, it still means a lot to him, and that he holds onto it very lightly today.

If he ever does get robbed, he hopes that the person who does it realizes that his life has value.

Mains went on to say you can't spend all your life "worrying about what might happen." If you do, you just let those

animals and yourself hurt the quality of your life.

He laughed as he began to talk. "Look at what's going on around you."

"The politicians in office don't care about what happens to the people, and all the good politicians are dead."

That's the reason that he has never voted and that he has no plans to in the future.

He added that there was no one running for office or in office who deserves his vote, that all politicians can do is talk.

"They can't say look at the good that I have done for the people, and this is why you should vote for me. This is why they have campaigns consisting only of how bad their opponents are. The day a person runs for office and his campaign consists of only what good he has done, that's when I'll vote."

Mains said that he dates once in a while, and he is looking for an old-fashioned woman with strong family values, "a woman whom I don't have to draw battle lines with just to have a conversation."

"I don't want to feel I have to compete with every word or defend myself or defend men as a whole. Or have conversations that consist only of hashing out the old battle of male versus female and who is superior."

"As if it's possible to have a winner, or that it is so important

there be a winner.

"The most beautiful woman in the world, that's what Diana was, a real woman. An equal."

"A woman whose mind was as open as it was deep. A woman whose love for people can only be matched by the love others had for her." That's why she was his only true love.

Mains and Diana were childhood sweethearts.

They had one of those relationships no one approved of.

"Explosive, that's how you could describe it."

"We either exploded with passion or we exploded at each other. We had the type of relationship where we could not always be together."

"We were not always good together, and we may not have always been good for each other, but we loved each other. That's all that mattered. What else can one do?"

Most of the life seemed to be drained out of Mains as he began to tell the story of how, on Dec. 27, 1981, Diana and a friend were returning from a party after celebrating the birth of a child.

Diana was believed to have been asleep on the passenger side and never knew that the automobile had left the road. Their auto struck several objects before coming to rest and embedding itself around the bottom of a tree, tragically,

leaving Diana and her friend dead.

You could see by the loss of the sparkle and the beginning of tears in his eyes that the flame in his heart still glows as brightly today as it did then. That he still loves her and just might forever.

Mains still lives at home with his mom. About four and a half years ago, his mother fell victim to ovarian cancer.

Today, she is very ill and requires a lot of care. He takes care of her the best that he can.

Mains also said that his brother and sister help him as much as their time allows.

"They have their own lives, but they will come over and stay all day. This gives me a chance to get out the house from time to time, and that's all I need."

At first, it wasn't so bad just keeping a doctor's appointment or picking up her medicine.

But all the doctors' warnings about what it was going to be like when she would become worse, fell far short of describing what it's really like.

"It's hard to watch someone you love suffer so much, to where all they want to do is die and their only conversation is about killing themselves or begging you to kill them."

"It's hard sometimes not to listen to her when you're thinking, 'Which is more cruel, letting her suffer, or allowing

her to die her own way and time,' not knowing which is right."

"I get so mad at my mom sometimes, at the things she says that I forgot. It's the disease and the drugs that are talking and not her."

"My anger is at the disease and not at her. She is my mom and I love her."

"It's so hard being angry at a disease when you can't see it or feel it. You just watch the misery and feel the suffering that it causes, feeling so helpless, torn apart."

Hoping that the end will come soon and being taught that you are not supposed to think this way, not knowing how much more your heart can stand or if you can even handle another day. You really don't want her to die; you just want the suffering to stop."

We can find the most interesting people living among us.

All we have to do is look beyond our own lives into the souls of others and not at results of scars left behind by the misfortunes of life.

By just stopping and talking, we can meet people like Tony Mains, who, in his own way, in his own little corner of the world, and with no doubt from the teenagers who hang out at his store, is a real American hero.

•Money

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disclosure statements by Monday afternoon. Earlier disclosures showed Shimkus started the year with \$8,274 in his campaign coffers.

In another important race, county clerk candidate Debbie Saltich raised \$24,280 in the first six weeks of 1994, more than three times the amount raised by her opponent in the Democratic primary, Edwardsville attorney Stephanie Robbins.

Saltich's supporters included the Lakin law firm, which contributed \$1,000; Granite City attorney William W. Schooley, who also gave \$1,000; and County Board Chairman Nelson Hagnauer, who gave \$800. Schooley is the treasurer of Hagnauer's campaign committee.

Saltich's biggest expense was a \$5,100 payment to the Madison County Democratic Central Committee for "election expenses."

Saltich is the officially endorsed candidate of the county Democratic organization.

Robbins, who has the support of retiring County Clerk Evelyn Bowles, raised \$7,250 in the period, including \$250 from Edwardsville attorney Gordon Broom and \$150 from the law firm of Carlson, Wendler and

Associates, also of Edwardsville, records showed.

Robbins started the year with \$11,125, including \$11,000 in loans she made to her own campaign when her bid got under way in 1993.

In the race for sheriff, incumbent Bob Churchill raised \$18,400 between Jan. 1 and Feb. 13. When added to the \$66,740 he had on hand at the beginning of the year, Churchill had \$85,140 to spend in the weeks leading up to the primary.

Bowers Towing of Godfrey gave \$500 to Churchill's campaign. Other contributors included the Lakin law firm, which gave \$500; Granite City attorney Lance Callis, who gave \$1,000; and Don Bridick, chief of courthouse security, who gave \$250, records showed.

Churchill's Democratic primary opponent, former Granite City Police Chief Don Knight, raised \$1,890 in the same period, most of it from a \$1,200 loan Knight made to his campaign.

Jack Valie of Godfrey, the sole Republican candidate for sheriff, did not file disclosure forms. Candidates who do not raise at least \$1,000 are not required to file.

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Art Voellinger

Hand/eye skills can be improved with invention

When T.W. Banker was a youngster, I'm sure he never dreamed that someday he'd be the father of a National Football League player.

For eight years, Ted Banker Jr. played offensive line for the New York Jets and Cleveland Browns.

I'M ALSO SURE Ted Banker Sr., a Millstadt resident, never dreamed the day would come that a childhood game he played would lead to his designing a product that could catch on nationwide.

Called "Throw and Catch," the product manufactured by Par Industry of Minneapolis features a sponge (baseball size) rubber ball connected to a synthetic cord attached to a wrist band.

The eight-foot cord stretches 25 feet and allows the person wearing the adjustable wrist band to play catch alone — "a one-on-one tool of skill," as indicated by the product's package.

"The cord is totally synthetic (polymer) and will not change in its consistency," said Banker, the 61-year-old owner of Banker's Auto Parts and Supply Inc. in Millstadt.

ON SALE FOR \$9.95 at Banker's Store, Throw and Catch already is in the possession of Ozzie Smith at spring training. By coincidence, Banker credits a Smith interview with sportscaster Jack Buck as a stimulus for the product's development.

"I had an idea for the ball as early as 1982 when I put a bunch of bands together and attached them to a ball," he said. "But about three years ago when I was driving home, I heard Jack ask Ozzie how he developed his ability to field balls the way he did."

According to Banker, Smith said he had played "ledge ball" as a kid.

"We did the same thing when I was growing up in north St. Louis," Banker said. "Ledge ball" gets its name from throwing a ball at the ledge of a two-story building, where the foundation meets the brick work.

IF SOMEONE could develop his skills by throwing a ball against a wall and catching the rebound, why not design a ball that could be thrown and drawn back without the need of a wall?

With the support of his wife Peggy and five children, Banker took his idea and design to Dick Proudfoot of Par Industry, who introduced him to John Gill, the president of Sun Hockey of Minneapolis.

Gill will market Throw and Catch. In 1992-93, he was successful in the sale of 2.5 million "Hot Pucks," the original street hockey puck which he designed.

Locally, Belleville accountant Jack Heller has a vested interest in the Banker product — a fact that should come as no surprise since Heller was Ted Banker Jr.'s first football coach with the Millstadt Little Dutchmen in the Tri-County League.

SHOULD THROW and Catch become a popular tool for the hand-eye coordination of youngsters as well as a form of therapy for persons with disabilities, Banker already has patent plans for similar products for hockey, softball, soccer and football.

"Rich Hacker (Toronto Blues Jays coach) got two of the (Throw and Catch) balls to Ozzie," said Banker. "I've also gotten some to high school athletic directors in two-state areas and have heard nothing but positive things."

Due to the synthetic cord, the speed of the ball's return is

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Red-not Warriors finish off Maroons

Granite City outlasts Belleville West 85-74

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

Larren Mosby led the way with 32 points and the Granite City Warriors opened Collinsville Sectional play Wednesday night with an 85-74 victory at Belleville West.

It was Granite City's second straight win over West. The Warriors defeated the Maroons 59-50 at Granite City last Friday. But Wednesday's win ended the Maroons' season and kept the Warriors alive in the playoffs.

Granite City (14-11) has now won three straight games and six of its past seven.

"We played with some confidence that I haven't seen in a Granite City team for a long time," coach John Van Buskirk said. "When we beat good teams, it's a team effort. Every body played their role."

"I'M VERY PROUD of them. They really played well. Good things are happening for us. The Maroons, meanwhile, closed out at 11-14. West lost its final seven games and two straight to the Warriors."

"Give Granite City credit," Belleville West coach Bill Schmidt said. "They've been a great team all month and they've gotten hot at the right time."

The Warriors advanced to the second round of the sectional and will play at East St. Louis Lincoln on Friday. Lincoln defeated Belleville East 74-60 Wednesday.

Mosby, who scored 30 points in last Friday's Southwestern Conference finale, triggered a third-quarter rally by the Warriors after the Maroons tied the game at 40. West entered the second half trailing 38-31 and went on a 9-2 run to force a Granite City timeout at the 4:32 mark.

But Mosby broke a two-minute scoring drought with a jumper at 4:20 to put the Warriors back in the lead. He then stole the ball from Mike Barron at the

GCHS 85, Belleville West 74

GRANITE CITY	FG	3pt	FT	REB
Larren Mosby	12	4	10	12
Jason Black	4	2	5	20
Bob Wallace	1	0	2	1
Corey Willis	1	0	2	10
Barclay Walton	1	0	2	5
Carvin Kull	1	0	2	5
Tyler	1	0	2	5
Belleville West	FG	3pt	FT	REB
James Brown	10	3	4	20
Nathan Vineyard	10	3	2	13
Mike Barron	1	0	0	0
Arton Rahn	1	0	0	0
Mark Mason	1	0	0	0
Zach Gibson	1	0	0	0
Total	33	7	18	74

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other end and hit another jumper to make it 44-40.

MOSBY FINISHED THE quarter with eight points, and the Warriors entered the final quarter ahead 52-41.

"We had a nice run, then he took over," Schmidt said. "He brought the ball down three or four times and he scored a few baskets that's what great players can do."

"He's a fabulous player. We tried to stop him two or three different ways and he changed his game."

The Maroons nearly put Mosby out of the game late in the fourth quarter, when Barron committed a hard foul on an inbound play. With 3:32 left in regulation and the Warriors leading 65-54, Mosby collided with Barron and had to leave the game after falling to the floor in pain.

Ramirez Wallace came in for Mosby and made two free throws on a one-and-one opportunity to give the Warriors a 67-54 lead.

But Mosby took exception to the foul, which precipitated a long delay before play was restored. Mosby said he was tripped.

"I was being double teamed (See WARRIORS, Page 3B)



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)
Larren Mosby had a game-high 32 points Wednesday.

Warrior lineman commits to Lindenwood

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

After taking one look at Matt Bolandis, Lindenwood College offensive coordinator Curt Skotnicki sized up the 6-1, 285-pound lineman and quickly made room for the Granite City High School senior.

Bolandis, who played on the offensive line for the Warrior football team last fall, recently signed to attend the NAIA Division II school, located in St. Charles, Mo.

"WE LIKE THE way Matt plays," Skotnicki said. "He plays hard and he has good size. He has real good strength already, it's just a matter of

developing that further." Bolandis, a tackle, helped anchor an attack that produced a school rushing record last fall for senior running back Ron Fisher.

Granite City football coach Don Harris said Bolandis' off-season workouts paid off noticeably during the season. He said the senior's size is the right fit for college football.

"Going in, he has a lot of potential just because of that," Harris said. "He's not only big, he's strong. He really worked hard in the offseason. He kept doing the right things and it's paid off for him. I'm real happy for him."

Lindenwood, coached by Jeff Driskill, finished 2-6-1 last year

in its fourth year of competition and will join the Mid-State Football Association next fall.

THE SCHOOL HAS a junior varsity program, but Skotnicki said Bolandis has the opportunity to step in as a freshman.

"We liked his work ethic," Skotnicki said. "That's very important in the types of athletes we recruit. We're going to have high expectations for him. We just feel good about Matt and we feel he'll fit well in our program."

Bolandis was one of the key seniors on a team that finished 4-5 last season after going 1-8 the year before. The Warriors' running attack centered around

(See BOLANDIS, Page 3B)



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)
Matt Bolandis signs a letter of intent as his parents, Janet and Jerry, sit nearby. Standing from left are Lindenwood coach Jeff Driskill, Don Harris and Lindenwood's Curt Skotnicki.

Weller, Lady Warriors enjoy successful start

Loss of Cavaness main concern for first-year GCHS coach

By Mike Kelly
Correspondent

David Weller has the Lady Warriors headed in the right direction.

In his first season as the head girls basketball coach, Granite City High School, Weller guided the Lady Warriors to a 14-9 record. Only a 53-63 overtime loss Feb. 15 to Edwardsville in the opening round of the Class AA Edwardsville Sectional Complex at Memorial Gymnasium blemished what was otherwise a successful season.

"YOU HATE TO see the season end that way," Weller said. "But unless you win a state championship, your season will probably end with a loss."

"But the girls gave me everything they had. There wasn't an ounce of quit in them."

Having Jamie Cavaness didn't hurt, either. Considered one of the best players on both sides of the river, Cavaness led the Lady Warriors with averages of 23 points and nine rebounds a

game. "Having Jamie in the lineup every night was a blessing," Weller said. "She was a true leader and an outstanding athlete. She made my job a lot easier. It'll be different not having her around next season."

"It's up to the rest of the girls to pick up the slack. If they have the desire to play this game and devote their time to it this summer, we'll enjoy a good season next year."

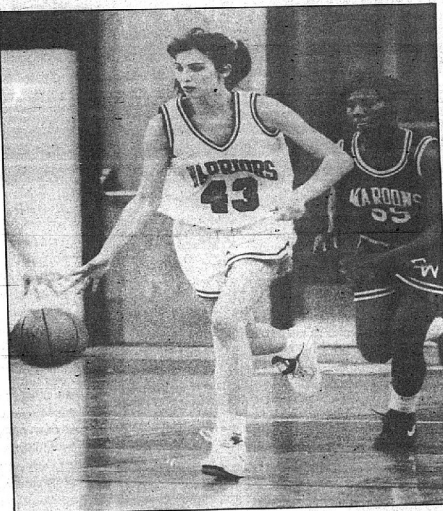
Sophomore Denise McMillan, who poured in 15 points a game this season and is headed to the state tournament this weekend for the three-point shooting competition, will be Weller's top returnee in 1994-95.

McMillan will compete against 64 girls from around the state today at Redbird Arena in Normal. The top four shooters advance the finals on Saturday. McMillan averaged better than 40 percent from three-point range this season.

"YOU WON'T FIND a classier kid on or off the floor than Denise," Weller said. "She's so dedicated and a true leader by example. I hope that rubs off on some of the other kids next year."

But Denise isn't ready to hang up the sneakers yet. She's

(See GIRLS, Page 2B)



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)
Lady Warrior senior Jamie Cavaness finished up a remarkable career with her best season yet this year, averaging 23 points and nine rebounds.

Warrior goalie selected for SISL program

Granite City High School goalkeeper Mike Bristol was among the players recently selected for the Southern Illinois Soccer League's 15½ and 17½ boys teams in the Junior Olympic Development Program.

Bristol was picked for the 17½ team. The players will represent the SISL in team competition at the next stage of the state select (Tryouts on March 26 and 27 in Springfield).

They will be competing against players from three other leagues: Central Illinois Soccer League, Young Sportsman's Soccer League and Northern Illinois Soccer League.

(See SISL, Page 2B)

PICKED FOR THE 15½ team (born Aug. 1, 1978, or later) were: Mike Jackson, East Alton; Joe Klingler, Belleville; Nick Carr, Mascoutah; Trent Walker, Edwardsville; Tom Rincker, Glen Carbon; Matt Klesner, Godfrey; Mike Bishop, Belleville; Jason Gladson, Belleville; Pat Ahrens, Edwardsville; Vance Verdoorn, Belleville; Shaun Pekarik, Edwardsville; Ryan Martin, Belleville; Jesse Lucco, Edwardsville; Nate Huhn, Alhambra; Robert Dubach, Glen Carbon; Joe Tay-

(See SISL, Page 2B)

Trivial matters

1. Collinsville and Centralia are the two winningest boys high school basketball programs in the country. Naturally, they are Nos. 1 and 2 on the USA list. What Metro East school is next on the list?

2. Collinsville had 30 straight winning seasons from 1921-50. What is the state record?

Answers at right.

Community Sports Calendar

Quail Unlimited meet.

The Silver Creek Chapter of Quail Unlimited will host a Fun Shoot to Relieve Field Trial on Saturday, March 5. The trial will begin at 7 a.m. and will be held at the David Mueller farm on Liberty Road near Troy.

Participation in the field trial is open to Quail Unlimited members at the cost of \$25 for one dog or \$35 for two dogs. Nonmembers wanting to enter dogs in the trial may join Quail Unlimited at the event.

The public is invited. To enter the trial, contact Terry Smith at 345-8231.



Coming up

State bound
Denise McMillan (left) will compete in the three-point shooting contest in this weekend's Class AA girls state tournament in Normal.

Trivia answers

1. You have to go all the way down to 40th on the list to find Belleville West (1,083 wins entering this season).
2. Maywood (Proviso East) is working on its 37th straight winning season.

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been outstanding in this competition. She's averaging around eight threes an outing. She was our best three-point shooter during the season. She's got to make at least 10 or 11 at state to survive. But this has been a good experience for her; it's something she can take with her into next season.

The Lady Warriors will have some big shoes to fill next winter. Replacing Cavness is only half the battle.

Kami Kessel, the team's point guard, is another senior who started the past three years.

"We also have to find replace-

ments for Kessel and (Mikla) Economy," Weller said. "Kami was an excellent floor leader and Mikla was a solid role player. It's going to be tough finding players to replace those girls."

"We've got a lot of work to do between now and next October (when practice begins)."

Sophomore Jennifer Willis

could be the answer on the front line.

"Jennifer established herself as a frontline player as the season wore on," Weller said.

"She's a fine athlete and I'm confident she'll get a little bigger (Willis currently stands 5-foot-4). That would really help."

"But we need more point pro-

duction from the rest of our girls to be effective. We relied heavily on Jamie and Denise this season. We won't have that luxury next year. We need a more balanced attack. That's why putting time in the gym this summer is so important."

For the time being, however, Weller will just savor his first season at Granite City.

"We accomplished a lot of things this season," he said.

"Now, we must build on them next year. I'm confident we can build a successful program here. This season will be our foundation for years to come."

O'Fallon: Jacob Redd, Alton: Andrew Morio, Mascoutah: Mark Miles, O'Fallon: Chris Kazmierczak, O'Fallon: Joe Campbell, Dorchester: Colin Neuneyer, Waterloo: Kane Tetter, Columbia: Chyle McMahon, Swansea: Matt Cundiff, O'Fallon: Chris Eckrich, Greenville: Larry Griffin, Belleville: Nelson Perez, Swansea: Andy Kulp, Alton: Jeff Maher, O'Fallon: and Scott L'Honniedieu, O'Fallon.

The team's coach is Chad Lignoul of Granite City, the assistant coach at Belleville Area College.

The boys administrator for the SISL's JODP is Ed Peck.

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lor, Belleville: Lamont Sneed, O'Fallon; and Shaun Flannery, O'Fallon.

The coach of the team is Mark Heider, who is an assistant coach at Edwardsville High.

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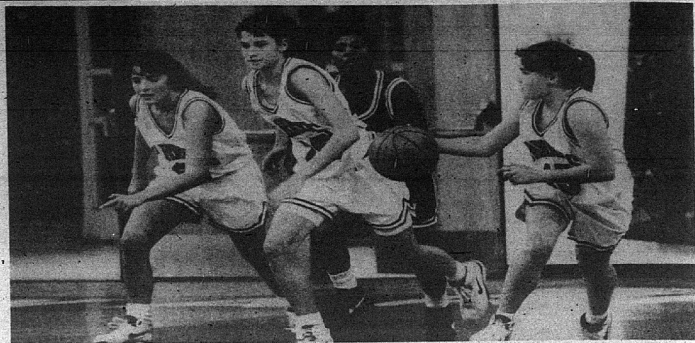
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(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD) Lady Warrior guard Kami Kessel (right) brings up the ball with sophomore Jennifer Willis (middle) and junior Joanna Groboski.

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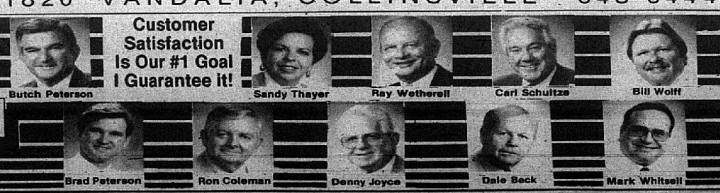
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Franko - 50 years

Robert and Carolyn Franko recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception held at the Chouteau Township Hall in Mitchell.

Robert Franko and the former Carolyn Pelikan were married Oct. 14, 1943, at Friedens Evangelical Church, St. Louis, by the Rev. Paul Press.

He is self-employed with Franko Small Engine, where he has been owner for the past 35 years. She owns Carolyn Franko's All-Occasion Cakes.

They are the parents of two, Kevin L. Franko of Granite City and Rosa Lee Franko-Saunders of Glen Carbon.

There is one grandchild, Nikki Saunders.

Approximately 250 guests from Arizona, Indiana, Missouri and Illinois joined in celebrating their anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Franko displayed a congratulatory card from President Clinton. An American flag that had flown over the Capitol Building the day of their anniversary was to be given to the couple at a later date.



Mr. and Mrs.
Walter Bruch
1954 and 1994

Bruch - 40 years

A surprise 40th wedding anniversary party for Walter and Thelma Bruch was given by John and Connie Bruch and Judine Lux at Charlie's Restaurant.

There were approximately 50 guests, consisting of family members and friends. A buffet luncheon was served.

The couple were married 40 years ago, Feb. 13, 1954, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Granite City, by the Rev. Pauley. Their attendants at the wedding ceremony were Gertrude Knipp and Robert Wickman.

Thelma Bruch is a retired registered nurse and her husband is employed by the Department of Agriculture as a supervisory systems programmer.

They have two children, Judine Lux of Granite City and John Bruch of Glen Carbon.

There are three grandchildren, Ryan and Kristen Lux and Zachary Bruch.

After the luncheon, the couple entertained guests at their home in Granite City.



Dr. and Mrs.
Waldo Schellenger

Schellenger 50 years

Dr. Waldo and Jackie Schellenger, formerly of Granite City, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary March 23.

A reception will be held at the Sunflower Resort, 16501 El Mirage Road, Surprise, Ariz. 85374.

Waldo E. Schellenger and the former Jackie Barton were married March 23, 1944.

He was a chiropractor for 22 years before retiring. She is retired from *The Wall Street Journal*.

They are the parents of two daughters, Dr. Yvonne Kay Schellenger-Vosburgh of Wichita, Kan., and Zandra Lee Schellenger-Zaccagni of Phoenix, Ariz.

There are two grandchildren. Schellenger is a member of Masonic Lodge 142 and Jackie is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, both in Newton, Kan.



Mr. and Mrs.
Melvin Tretter

Tretter 40 years

Melvin and Shirley Tretter celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Jan. 29.

Melvin Tretter and the former Shirley Wolf were married Feb. 13, 1954. They are the parents of three children.

The surprise anniversary party was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Hosting the event were Jeffrey and Colleen Tretter, Paul and Darla Tretter, Bill and Elizabeth (Tretter) Flithen and grandchildren, Natalie and Mandy.

Mr. Tretter is retired from Spectralite Consortium Inc.

Reforms may affect investments in health-care providers, suppliers

(Submitted by Jeffrey M. Prosser of Edward D. Jones and Co.)

President Bill Clinton's much anticipated health-care reform blueprint is now on the table.

The details are still being debated, but it is worthwhile to take a look at the package outline and the potential implications for investors.

First, what does the plan propose to do? The objective of the administration's health-care package is to expand coverage to include all Americans.

It is estimated that 37 million people of 254 million citizens are currently without adequate coverage.

In addition, the plan aims to curtail the spiraling costs of health coverage and care for all of us, and half the expanding amount of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) consumed by health care.

To do this, the administration proposes to:

- Simplify paperwork for physicians and hospitals.
- Create insurance buying pools - regional alliances - to spread risk.
- Create a national uniform coverage package that applies to all Americans.
- Bar insurers from refusing coverage to sick or high-risk people.
- Impose spending caps on Medicare and Medicaid.
- Attempt to curtail administrative waste; and
- Reform medical malpractice liability laws.

The basic idea is to include all Americans in purchasing pools that allow standard coverage and buying power similar to that enjoyed by large corporations.

One thing the administration's plan does not do, at this point, is impose cost controls or managed prices.

Instead, the plan recommends a "managed competition" structure whereby drug companies, for instance, compete to have their products included on a short list, or formulary, of alternatives for various ailments, on the basis of price and effectiveness.

One point regarding the president's plan on which there appears to be universal agreement is that it is ambitious.

Moreover, if enacted sometime next summer, the plan is sure to be significantly altered from the original proposal.

The question of financing the package has yet to be resolved. Given the uncertainty surrounding the outcome of the proposal, many investors are concerned about their current health-care investments.

Others view the price of health-care stocks as potential bargains at current "assume-the-worst" market prices.

With regard to health-care stocks, the general drift of the administration's proposal suggests higher volumes, or unit sales, but lower profit margins.

HMOs (health maintenance organizations), for example, may see a greater number of patients, but included in the new

members will be less profitable, higher risk individuals. This will mean slower growth in earnings, likely accompanied by reduced price-to-earnings multiples.

Insurance companies are particularly targeted by the proposal.

In its current form, the plan would mandate insurance rate caps, adjusted annually for inflation. This would preclude insurance companies from managing their risk exposure, and could result in the demise of weaker companies.

Pharmaceutical companies that are in sound financial condition and have well-developed portfolios of current and new drugs may fare better.

Providing comprehensive drug benefits through Medicare and Medicaid could add billions of dollars to drug companies' overall revenue.

However, discounts and rebates may squeeze the profit margins on these revenues, except where the higher volumes more than offset the rebates.

As always, investors in this area should proceed with caution.

As with any major changes that have far-reaching implications, health-care reform is likely to present new investment opportunities as well as new risks.

Before making dramatic changes in your strategy, take a close look at your long-term objectives to be sure any changes are in line with your goals.

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Antiques show, sale set for March 19 at SIUE

The Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville antiques show and sale will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 19, and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 20, at the Vadalabene Center on the SIUE campus.

The show is sponsored by the Friends of Lovejoy Library and benefits SIUE's Lovejoy Library. Tickets are \$2.50 in advance; high school and SIUE students, \$2.50; children less than 13 years

of age, free. Advance tickets are available only at the Union Station ticket office, located on the first floor of SIUE's University Center. Tickets are \$3 at the door during the antiques show and sale. Tickets are good for both days.

Nearly 40 Midwest antique dealers will display and sell antique furniture, toys, decors, clocks, baskets, silver, china, jewelry, glass, dolls, paper items, linens, primitives, porce-

lain, country items, collectibles, advertising items, books, prints, pottery, quilts and linens.

In addition, the Friends organization will offer for sale a varied selection of antique books, post cards, photographs and prints.

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Is an employee who is injured while playing on a company-sponsored recreational team entitled to workers' compensation benefits? Normally injuries of this nature occur after normal working hours and not during the regular business day. The employer's rationale for denying workers' compensation benefits in a case of this nature is usually that the injury did not "arise out of and in the course of" the employment.

Illinois law provides that accidental injuries incurred while participating in voluntary recreational programs are generally outside the coverage of the Workers' Compensation Act. However, this exclusion does not apply when the injured employee was ordered or assigned by his employer to participate in the program.

In one recent case, a son had worked for his father's law firm as a law clerk for seven years. He was directed by his father to manage the firm's recreational softball team and to play when necessary. He would often leave work early to practice with the team. While playing softball during a regularly scheduled game, the son injured his back.

The question arose as to whether the son was entitled to workers' compensation

benefits from his father's firm for this injury. To answer this question, the Court had to determine whether his participation in the softball league was voluntary or whether it was part of his employment duties. Some things to consider in cases of this nature are whether the employer benefits from the employee's attendance at the outing, to what extent the employer organizes the recreational activity, and whether the employer sponsors and compels attendance at the event.

In the present case, the Appellate Court held that the injury arose out of and was in the course of the son's employment. Therefore, the son was entitled to his father's compensation benefits. The Court felt that the son's participation in the softball league was not voluntary, but rather was part of his employment.

Furthermore, the Court felt that the father's sponsorship of the team enhanced his law practice. Evidence indicated that he obtained business from members of the team due to his relationship with the team. In addition, it was noted that the son's paycheck was not reduced for the time he spent practicing and conducting team matters. This supported the son's assertion that the management of the softball league was part of his employment.

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


















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Funeral services

Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday and Wednesday newspapers include:

BECKMAN, Nola A. (Lindsey), 83, of Granite City died at 7:40 a.m. Monday, Feb. 28, 1994, at home. Services were held at 10 a.m. today at Lahey-Sedlack Funeral Home, Madison. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

BELL, Gladys (McNeill), 86, of Paducah, Ky., formerly of Granite City, died at 4:36 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, 1994, at Lourdes Hospital, Paducah. Services were held Saturday at Lindsey Funeral Home, Paducah, by the Rev. Dale Edwards. Burial was at Hardmoney Cemetery, Hardmoney, Ky.

BLACKBURN, Derek Wayne, two months old, son of Jean Rose Blackburn of Granite City, died Saturday, Feb. 26, 1994, at home. Services were held Wednesday at Herr Funeral Home, Collinsville. Burial was at St. John Cemetery, Collinsville.

DEPPING, David, 33, of Pin Oak Township, near Edwardsville, died at 5:40 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18, 1994, at his home, which was destroyed by a fire. Services were held Sunday, Feb. 20, at Mateer Funeral Home, Edwardsville, by the Rev. Gerald E. Burial was at Bartlett Cemetery, Pin Oak Township. Memorials to Bartlett Cemetery Association.

FREEMAN, Bud, 82, of Collinsville died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 1994, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. Services were held Saturday at Herbert A. Kassidy Funeral Home, Collinsville, by the Rev. Michael Van Britson. Burial was at Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights. Memorials to Glad Tidings Church, Fairview Heights.

GIVENS, A.B., 69, of Centerville died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 1994, at home. Services were held Sunday, Feb. 27, at Centerville Church of Christ by the Rev. Ralph Smith. Burial was Monday at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County. Arrangements were by Officer Funeral Home, East St. Louis.

GRAHAM, Miss Robb Lynne, 17, of Granite City was pronounced dead Friday evening, Feb. 25, 1994, at the scene of an automobile accident on westbound Interstate 270 near Riverview Boulevard in St. Louis. Services were held Tuesday at Herbert A. Kassidy Funeral Home, Collinsville, by the Rev. Donald Sabbert. Burial was at St. John Cemetery, Collinsville. Memorials to American Cancer Society.

KINGSLEY, Sleta Pearl (Moody), 93, of Springfield, Ohio, formerly of Granite City, died at 4:08 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, 1994, at Villa of Springfield Nursing Home, Springfield, Ohio. Services were held Tuesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Fred Boatright. Burial was at St. John Cemetery, Granite City. Memorials to Calvary Baptist Church Building Fund, Granite City.

KRAMPE, Arnold John, 72, of Granite City died at 8:10 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, 1994, at home. Services were held Monday at Herr Funeral Home, Collinsville. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to the donor's choice.

MCCRARY, Raymond L. Sr., 83, of Cahokia died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 1994, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville. A private service was held Thursday, Feb. 24, at Kurrus Funeral Home in Belleville. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials to Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children.

OBERDIECK, Lawrence J., 66, of Granite City died at 8:52 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. There was no visitation or funeral. Burial was at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County. Arrangements were by Mercer Mortuary, Granite City. Memorials to Critical Care Unit at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City.

PARMLEY, Charles Allen, 75, of Granite City died at 12:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, 1994, at home. Services were held Monday at Pontoon Beach Church of Christ, Pontoon Beach, by the Rev. Michael Hart. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Arrangements were by Werner Chapel for Funerals, Pontoon Beach. Memorials to Hospice of Madison County, Granite City.

PHILLIPS, Virgil R. Jr., 63, of Carrollton, Ga., formerly of Granite City, died Thursday, Feb. 24, 1994, at Tanner Medical Center, Carrollton. Services were held Monday at Mercer Mortuary, Granite City. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

PRICE, Dena M. (Lawhon), 81, of Granite City died at 2:35 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services are being held at 11 a.m. today at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Fred Boatright, with burial at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to Polyostic Kidney Foundation in Kansas City.

REEDY, Kevin J., 62, of Mascoutah, formerly of Granite City, died at 3:45 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, 1994, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Belleville. Services were held Wednesday at Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City, by the Rev. William Fisherkeller. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon. Arrangements were by Irwin Chapel, Granite City. Memorials to Holy Family Catholic Church or the donor's choice.

WILLIS, Elsie Frieda (Seebold) Jarrett, 85, of St. Louis, formerly of Granite City, died at 8:10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, 1994, at Lutheran Hospital, St. Louis. Services were held Monday at Concordia Lutheran Church, Granite City, by the Rev. Michael Hart. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Arrangements were by Irwin Chapel, Granite City. Memorials to Parkinson Foundation or Concordia Lutheran Church.

YOUNGS, Dora S. (Summers), 82, of Pine Island, Fla., formerly of Granite City, died at 1:10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, 1994, at Wabash General Hospital, Mount Carmel, Ill. Services were held Monday at Pontoon Baptist Church, Pontoon Beach, by the Rev. Bruce Rushing. Burial was at Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights. Arrangements were by Werner Chapel for Funerals, Pontoon Beach.

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Young at Heart plan variety of events

The February meeting of Holy Family Young at Heart was called to order by President Margaret Kwiatkowski.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Cecelia Mance, recording secretary, and the treasurer's report was given by Cleola Siebert. In the absence of Cecelia Cruse, the secretary, thank-you notes received from Sister Mary Alice, Sister Margaret Mary, Cecelia Cruse and Dolores Degonia were read by Kwiatkowski.

The vice president, Lillian Caban, announced entertainment at the March meeting would be the Granite City High School Swing Choir.

Rose Mary Rudy, refreshment chairman, thanked the members who furnished cakes and Jean Francis, Theresa Danco, Rose Mary Breyer and Marie Stanek for their help in serving cake, coffee, tea and punch.

Irma Manning, trip chairman, reported on plans for a trip on the Casino Queen Riverboat, April 19, a trip to Steelville, Mo., for an outfit show on May 28 and a trip on the Golden Rod Showboat on Aug. 24.

Kwiatkowski introduced the guest speaker, Joy Caschetta, the Madison County coordinator for the Belleville Area College Retired Senior Volunteer Program. She spoke on the many areas that offer volunteer opportunities.

Sister Margaret Mary said a bus was available from Holy Family for anyone wishing to attend the Lenten renewal event, "Celebrate the Spirit Mission 1994," being held Sunday, Feb. 27, through today, at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 207 Vandalla St., Collinsville, from 7 to 10 p.m. For bus reservations, call 452-8244. She also thanked members for filling Christmas gift bags for the shut-ins and nursing home residents.

Father Casimir Kiemal is leaving Holy Family Catholic Church in March. A reception in his honor is to be held March 13. The Young at Heart Club was asked to help at the reception. A gift will be presented to Father Casey from the Young at Heart. A corned beef and cabbage dinner, catered by Petri's, will be held at the March meeting at 6 p.m. Dues for 1994 must be

paid by members to attend the dinner.

Nominating committee for the election of new officers are Rudy, Mary Rita Ahlers, Cathy Mathis, Siebert and Louise Kovar. A slate of officers will be presented at the March meeting and voted on at the April meeting.

The Church Women United are in need of baby bibles and Kwiatkowski asked members to bring bibles to the March meeting. Also, the Church Women United will sponsor a "Crop Walk" on April 17. Kwiatkowski and Caban have offered to sponsor Holy Family Catholic Church in the walk. Young at Heart members made a donation to the walk.

Manning announced the retirement of Ernie Woods, secretary, and suggested the club honor Woods with a gift for her many favors to the organization. Also, a donation was made to the Holy Family Memorial Fund in memory of Celeste Puryear.

The rest of the evening was spent playing bingo.

The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. March 21 in the community center.

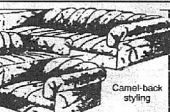
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